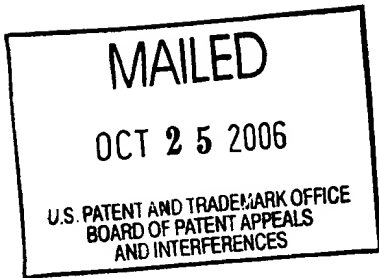


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte NAOYUKI KOFUJI, MASAHIITO MORI,
KENETSU YOKOGAWA, NAOSHI ITABASHI,
KAZUNORI TSUJIMOTO and SHINICHI TACHI

Application 09/363,191

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 29, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

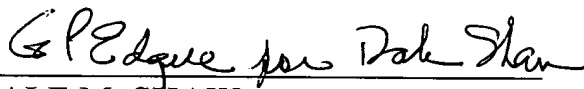
Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) were filed December 30, 2003 and April 21, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted or notified applicants of why thier submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Application 09/363,191

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

By: 
DALE M. SHAW
Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator
(571) 272-9797

GJH

cc: MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR
& BRUNDIDGE, P.C.
1800 DIAGONAL ROAD
SUITE 370
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314